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- Czechoslovakia is strengthening her anti-aircraft defenses. All new recruits
  receive anti-aircraft training. The insane asylum near Prague in Bohnice
  (051/179) will house anti-aircraft batteries and a radar set. Anti-aircraft
  personnel is quartered in tents on Stvanice(Hetz) Island in the Vitava river in the
  center of the city.\*
- 2. The Zizkov caseme in Prague-Karlin reportedly houses anti-aircraft headquarters for Czechoslovakia. A regimental command of anti-aircraft forces is also stationed there. Anti-aircraft troops and radar operators are being trained to go into action within three minutes after an alert.
- 3. In the Roztoky (051/L79)-Dejvice (051/L78) area an airfield is under construction. Work is on a 24 hours daily basis, employing 1,000 workers who receive high wages and good care.
- 4. The airfield under construction at Prerov (P50/003) will have six runways, each 3,000 meters long and 60 meters wide. Underground hangars are planned.
- 5. Several large gasoline storage tanks with a capacity of 700,000 liters each are located in the woods near Prerov.
- 6. Two new Air Force regiments with ground troops are destined to take over air surveillance in the Zatec (N51/F10) area.
- 7. During April, day and night air maneuvers were held over Prague. Fighters, heavy hombers, and jet airplanes participated. The jet airplanes were of an apparently new type (sic).\*\*
- 8. The Army Medical Corps has been greatly expanded. Its supplies reportedly have been tripled.

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- 9. New gas masks have been issued. They are operated with two fingers. The filter can be attached directly to the mouthpiece.
- 10. A new type of anti-tank mine now in use is made of glass and is one-half meter wide.
- 11. Otherwise old type equipment is being used by the Czechoslovak Armed Forces.
  Uniforms, shoes, tent cloth are the only materials now stocked in sufficient
  quantities. New weapons are exported exclusively to the USSR.
- 12. The main artillery munitions depot for the Czechoslovak Army has been transferred from Bohemia to Kosice in Slovakia.
- 13. The Mannesmann Works in Chomutov (N51/F02) recently received an order for seamless pipe, 30 mm. diameter, with a delivery deadline of six weeks. The Czechs are meeting the usual difficulties in procuring raw materials.

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